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SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Star Brand Shoes are better. Men's "Stronger than the Law" made chrome calf stock, two soles, the strongest work shoe made \$3.50 seller, our price pr. \$2.75.

Try our "Conqueror" tan elk-skin upper, 3 soles, running to the heel. Ask your neighbor who wears this shoe. \$5.00 value, our price pr. \$3.49.

Men's "nut cracker" box calf welt shoe, plain or cap toe, \$3.00 value, our price pr. \$2.45.

Boys' "Our Family" box calf school shoe, pr. \$1.25, \$1.45 and \$2.49.

Misses' "Mossie" School Shoe, heavy sole, vici kid, patent tip price pr. \$1.25 and \$1.49.

Underwear Specials: Men's fleece shirts and drawers, about 10 dozen, to close, 50c value, now 35c. Men's rib shirts and drawers, 50c value now 45c.

Children's Union Suits, good heavy weights, 25 and 18c. 36 dozen Men's Wool fleece shirts and drawers each 45c.

Hosiery and Glove Department.

"Topey hose are better." Ladies' split sole Topey hose. Our "Tip Top," an excellent value, pr. 25c. Try our Misses Black Topey hose, fine rib, No. 31—very special, pr. 15c. Boys' Century hose, No. 2, at 15c pr. 300 pairs Misses lace hose 15c and 25c values, to close quick, pr. 5c.

Special:

24 pair lace curtains, for this sale, \$1.50 seller, at pr. 79c.

Rugs Specials: 30x60 Axminster Rugs, \$1.95. 36x72 Axminster Rugs, \$5.00 seller, our price, \$3.98. 9x12 Axminster Rugs, \$22.50 value, our price, \$18.75. Don't miss the snap we are offering in 30x60 Brussels Rugs, at 90c, regular \$1.50 sellers.

Special 200 odd work and dress shirts, mostly 50c sellers, as long as they last, 25c.

China Department.

White Ransom Haviland China Teas, \$3.00 value, now, set, \$2.25. 144 Pieces American China fruit decorations. Bowls, meat dishes, mostly bought to retail at 50c, for this sale, half price, 25c.

Star cut table tumblers, value \$1.52 set, now \$1.25.

Plain brown table tumblers, set of 6, 25c.

6 glass egg cups, 35c.

Special value in Men's work coat at 99c.

\$5.00 Bearskin lined corduroy coats \$3.98.

Sheepskin lined coats, \$5.00 seller, our price, \$3.98.

Special value in blankets, at pr. 99c.

All-wool blankets, at pair \$2.48, \$2.98, \$3.50.

Meat roasters, 25c to \$1.75.

"Savory" roasters, represents perfection in the art of roasting meats

or poultry. You will get its cost back in satisfaction the first time you use it, price 99c.

Children's iron wagons, 50c, 75c, 90c and \$1.25.

14-qt. granite diaphan, 50c value, for this sale 25c.

Tin dish pan, 10c.

Granite steel tea kettle, 75c value, special, 39c.

50-ft. galvanized wire clothes line, 10c.

Notion Department.

2-qt. tin covered bucket, 5c.

2-qt. tin up, 5c.

1 qt. glass ring cup, 5c.

Dr. Raab's Egg-White soap made to sell at 30c box, our price, to introduce, box of 3 cakes, 19c.

Cast iron hatchet or hammer, 10c. 8-qt. galvanized water pail, 10c. 3 cakes Witch Hazel soap, 10c.

en's cotton gloves and mitts pair 5c.

4 line potato fork, 75c value, now 50c.

Brass Extension Curtain Poles, 30 to 54 in., complete, 8c.

Window Shades, 20c, 25c and 39c.

Wide window shades, 7x12, 65c.

No. 8 galvanized wash boiler, 69c.

20c granite wash pan, 10c.

12-qt. granite water pail, 35c.

Enamel stove blacking, 4c.

Special: 35c razor steel scissors, now on sale, 19c.

"A PUMPKIN SHOW"

An Amateur Cyclone—A Martinsburg Enterprise.

The Centralia fair this year cleared \$600 with an agriculture fair against a loss of \$2,700 the past two fair. This is the answer to those who said that a pumpkin show would not pay. Comments the Centralia Courier. The pumpkin show left money with the farmers and with home exhibitors, while the race horse fair did not.

Carpenters remodeling M. P. Elsberry's cottage in Elsberry the other day discovered about the building an old ledger used in recording the business transaction of Gibson, Watts & Co. and others at Falmouth, in 1865, the year the civil war closed. Tobacco was the principal product sold by farmers those days and according to the old ledger much of it was sold. One entry records a sale of a hog's head of tobacco which brought \$47 per hundred pounds. Some wheat was sold, bringing that year around \$2 per bushel. Elsberry was a wildness at that time and Falmouth was the principal trading and shipping point in that section, many entries being made of tobacco sales from parties in St. Charles, Montgomery, Andrain and Pike counties.

Steve Childers, of Beaver county, Oklahoma, is visiting out south of Paris, says the Appeal. He has been at Kirksville three weeks, taking treatment for injuries inflicted by an amateur cyclone last month. He had been hauling broom corn—he reports it worth \$200 a ton down there—and was going back home when a cloud that had been hovering over the prairie suddenly swooped down and engulfed him and his wagon. Although four strong men were required to lift the heavy broom corn frame upon the vehicle, the wind lifted it like a feather, carried it several yards and overturned it upon Steve, breaking his collar bone and two ribs. After dragging along 150 feet the cloud rose into the air and disappeared. Despite this rough experience and a prolonged drouth Mr. Childers is well pleased with his location and is doing well.

Louisiana has a football team called "The Models." The country has been waiting a long time for a model football outfit. The Troy Free Press says: Martineburg, a little town in Andrain county, has a moulding and picture frame factory which employs from twelve to twenty skilled workmen and ships its products even to foreign countries. It was established on a small scale by N. M. Friedman in 1883.

On Wednesday night of last week Ed. Clark, a negro about 26 years old, got into a row with his wife, at Moscow Mills, and attempted to cut her throat with a pocket knife, after which he went out with a shotgun and terrorized the town for awhile. The woman went to Troy and swore out a warrant for his arrest, and Sheriff Scott found him at the home of his sister, about a mile below Moscow Mills. Ed. is now where the dogs can't bite him and will probably have trouble when circuit court convenes.

Two negroes fell out in Louisiana a few days ago and one shot the other in the back; a stray bullet went thru Prof. Rowley's hat and another struck Harve Williams in the foot. Louisiana certainly does have fun with her colored population.

Orville Smith, who has been trouble man for the Buffum Telephone in Louisiana since last spring, has been placed in charge of the company's exchange at Vandalia.

Isaac Clithero, of Lone Oak, Pike county, who was thrown from a horse and had his arm broken the first Sunday in August, had to go to St. Louis last week and undergo an operation. It was necessary to remove some decayed bone.



Farmers Bank Building in Laddonia.

The above is an excellent likeness of the Farmers Bank Block in Laddonia. It stands on a spot of ground formerly occupied by the old "Cummings Hotel," burned some months ago and which

was built in the early '80's by Frank Cummings, who improved a farm on Middle Lick Creek, near Laddonia, some years before. The Farmers Bank has rooms in the corner of the block. The hotel, conducted by Roy Faddis, has offices to the south, also using

the upstairs for bedrooms. Attorney W. H. Logan has offices to the west of the bank. The building is opposite the railroad passenger station and faces the north and east. It is an imposing structure and adds beauty and dignity to the town.

A STATEMENT.

Mr. Emmons Thinks Well of the Burns' Proposition.

S. P. Emmons, Chairman of the finance committee to raise funds to build the electric railway, has issued the following statement:

"Our committee have had several meetings with Mr. Burns and others and have gone over the entire proposition now before the people carefully. Have investigated the bonds, and the mortgage that is to be given to secure the bonds; have examined the subscription blanks that are to be subscribed; the method of making the payments, and the contract that will be filed with the subscriptions.

"We believe that in consideration of the benefits to be derived from the road and from the location of the power-house, car shops and general offices of the company at Mexico, that Mexico ought to subscribe for the amount allotted as her share and we urge every citizen who has the prosperity of the town at heart to subscribe what he can towards financing this road. Having the power to enlarge our committee, we have added the following members to the list: J. H. Lane, John Kemp, Geo. Hall, Edwin Locke, J. C. Mundy, Judge J. A. Guthrie and John N. Brown.

"We urgently request each of these gentlemen to so arrange his affairs that he can devote a few days to this work and we also request that each citizen speedily make up his mind how many bonds he will subscribe for and not put committeemen to the trouble of calling a second and third time.

"We urge upon all the importance of closing up this work promptly as Mr. Burns informs us that he has his arrangements made for beginning work here next month if we are ready.

"We are convinced that the proposition as a whole is an honest and practical one. That the subscribers will have the road, mile at a time, before they pay their money, that the bond issue will be limited to \$15,000 per mile and that if the road can be built and equipped for less than that sum that the bond issue will be less, and that the people who buy these bonds will have the very best security for their money that it is practical to give them."

READ THE MESSAGE.

HOLLENSVILLE.

J. L. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Florence, left Wednesday for Illinois. After attending the State fair at Springfield they will visit relatives in different parts of the State.

Chal Blum went down to St. Louis on Thursday.

Mrs. Lucy Mansfield of South Missouri and Mrs. H. W. DeJarnett and children, of Centralia, are guests at Taylor Berry's. Dr. DeJarnett is on a fishing and hunting trip down on the Gasconade.

On Oct. 2 Mrs. Taylor Berry while coming home from Mexico lost a small black pocket book and with it a new pair of silk gloves. She will be grateful if the finder will leave with Dave McGee at Purdy's drug store.

Two homes of our vicinity were gladdened last week by the arrival of little ones. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Worthman have a son, born Oct. 5, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Massey have a daughter, born on Oct. 8.

Mrs. J. T. Leeper and Miss Alice Crawford visited in St. Louis last week.

Henry Rudasill returned last Thursday from the Illinois State fair.

James Gilbert and Mr. Woodson attended the State fair.

Hugh Sharp of Mexico High School was out home over Sunday.

Taylor Berry and son delivered 6 350 lb. hogs to Powell and Mundy at \$7.00 per cwt; and 14 225 lb. hogs to same party at \$7.25.

C. M. Berry shipped a load of hogs of his own feeding to St. Louis last week and got \$7.70.

H. P. Rudasill has gone to Billings, Montana, on a pleasure and prospecting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Atehison are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Boaz, near Perry.

Mrs. J. W. Paulin, on the Dr. Hinde farm, northwest of Mexico, will have a big public sale today.

Hugh Holman, colored, of Laddonia, charged with disturbing the peace, plead guilty in Justice Stallings' court here this week and was fined \$5 and costs.

Charles Persinger, charged with slashing Thomas Hook with a knife, plead guilty to common assault in Justice Stallings' court Monday and was fined \$5.00 and costs.

Liquor Fight in Chicago.

Chicago is at the threshold of a vicious and straight away fight upon the flat proposition, "shall the city of Chicago become anti-saloon territory?" Enemies of liquor began a six months' campaign Friday Oct. 1. The election is Tuesday, April 5. The issue is plain and untrammeled. The liquor interests are declared to be ready for the onslaught. If the anti-saloon forces make a winning fight the seven thousand saloons in the city of Chicago under the Illinois Local Option Law enacted in 1907, must go out of business for eighteen months at least.

"Gipsy" Smith, who is about to start an evangelistic campaign on the South Side at the Seventh Regiment Armory, is counted upon for big results there. "Billy" Sunday is scheduled to explode the fireworks on the West Side, and Dr. R. A. Torrey may lead the speaking campaign on the North Side.

Upon several occasions during the past year the Catholics of Chicago have held monster demonstrations on the side of temperance and during the coming battle they will be led by some of the ablest and most influential men of that church.

\$3.75 to Sedalia and Return Via "The Only Way."

Account the annual meeting Missouri Baptist General Association. On sale Oct. 17th to 20th inclusive. Good to return up to and including Oct. 24.

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\$3.30 to St. Charles and Return Via the Wabash.

Account Centennial Celebration. Tickets sold Oct. 11th to 16th inclusive. Return limit to and including Oct. 17th 1909.

I. M. RICHARDS, Ag't. Wabash R.R., Mexico, Mo.

All the ladies' clubs of the city have federated for the purpose of establishing a public library in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sharp of this city are entertaining Mrs. H. S. McCune of Auxvasse and Mrs. J. H. McCune and daughter, Miss Nellie McCune, of Horton, Kans.

Burglars entered Dr. A. C. White's residence Sunday night and carried the Doctor's trousers out into the yard and secured three dollars cash from the pocket.

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